

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BURNED AREA EMERGENCY REHABILITATION TEAM**

August 2001 Fire Complex

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED PLANT RESOURCES ASSESSMENT

I. OBJECTIVES

- Assess effects of fire and suppression actions to Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate plant species.
- Initiate Emergency Section 7 Consultation as required by the Endangered Species Act.
- Prescribe emergency rehabilitation measures and/or monitoring.
- Assess the effects of proposed emergency rehabilitation actions to Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate plant species.

II. ISSUES

- Potential impacts to Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate plant species from the fire, suppression activities, and rehabilitation activities.

III. OBSERVATIONS

Research was conducted on species currently listed by the USFWS to verify that no T&E species occurred within the fire area. Contacts were made with local experts to determine if additional sensitive species of concern were potentially affected by the fire and suppression actions.

A. Background

Refer to Vegetation Assessment.

B. Reconnaissance Methodology and Results

The Elko Field Office Sensitive Species Coordinator reviewed baseline information pertaining to known T&E plant species. Based on this review, it was determined that no Federally listed threatened or endangered plants were known to exist within the 11 fire areas.

Upon consultation with local staff, and after reviewing the burned areas within the fire perimeter, it has been determined that no direct fire impacts have occurred to T & E plant species.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS- NONE

V. CONSULTATIONS

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V. LITERATURE REVIEWED:

BLM Sensitive Plants in Nevada, Memorandum dated February 27, 1998
Fish and Wildlife Service Species list for Elko Field Office (12/15/99)